



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: FORKS CREEK HATCHERY GABION REPAIR

Description of Proposal: The gabion wall was first installed along 250 feet of Forks Creek when the Hatchery was built. This project will repair approximately 50 feet of a damaged section of the gabion wall at the southeast portion of the hatchery where it has collapsed into Forks Creek. The damaged portion of the gabion wall will be removed with an excavator staged on the stream bank above ordinary high water (OHW). The existing gabion wall remaining after the damaged portions have been repaired will be anchored in place to the bank with 1 - 2 man rock. Along the damaged portion, a total of approximately 45 cubic yards of rock will be placed (50 feet long x 12 feet wide x 3 feet deep). See site drawings.

These materials will be placed to match existing grade. Best management practices will be used including hay bales, sediment curtains, and filter fabric. No sediment will enter the water or be allowed to migrate downstream. The excavator will not enter the water. All sediment removed from the site will be taken to an approved upland site for disposal. The 1 – 2 man rock above OHW will be covered with soil and native plantings found at the site. Excavation will only occur in areas of previously placed fill. In the unlikely event that cultural resources are uncovered during construction, work in the immediate vicinity of the discovery will be halted, and WDFW will consult with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: The proposed project site is at the Forks Creek Hatchery. From Olympia, take I-5 south past Chehalis to the Pe Ell / Raymond / Hwy 6 exit. Stay on Hwy 6 for about 40 miles and you will see hatchery on your left, just after you cross Forks Creek. This project is located in Pacific County, Washington, Section 6, Township 12.0 North, and Range 7.0 West WM. 46.55962 N lat. / -123.59360 W long

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **September 7, 2010**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

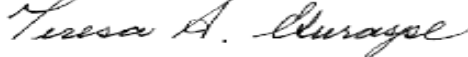
Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: August 23, 2010

SIGNATURE: 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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